## The State of New Hampshire By Her Excellency Margaret Wood Hassan, Governor

## A Proclamation

## MANUFACTURING WEEK OCTOBER 7-14, 2016

WHEREAS, New Hampshire's rich manufacturing history dates back nearly 200 years; and

WHEREAS, Manufacturing is New Hampshire's largest industry; and

**WHEREAS**, New Hampshire's advanced manufacturing industry has evolved into a robust segment of our state's economy, creating good-paying, high-quality jobs and helping to maintain the high quality of life that New Hampshire is known for; and

**WHEREAS**, Today's manufacturers have pristine, state-of-the-art work places where workers continually develop innovative products; and

**WHEREAS**, Partnerships between manufacturing businesses, educational institutions at all levels, and non-profit organizations are essential to preparing students for manufacturing careers in the 21<sup>st</sup> century innovation economy; and

WHEREAS, Through events across the state, Manufacturing Week provides an opportunity for all New Hampshire citizens to learn about this vital industry and its partner institutions that support manufacturing; and

WHEREAS, The events taking place during Manufacturing Week would not be possible without the support of the New Hampshire Manufacturing Extension Partnership, the Division of Economic Development, the New Hampshire Business and Industry Association, the New Hampshire High Technology Council, and numerous other partners from education, business, and local economic development; and

**WHEREAS**, There are more than 2,000 manufacturing companies in New Hampshire that employ more than 67,000 individuals, representing aerospace, defense, optical, composites, bio-medical, high technology, precision, electricity, and many other sectors; and

**WHEREAS, Manufacturing Week** will begin with Manufacturing Day on October 7, 2016, with a celebration at New England Wire Manufacturing in Lisbon, New Hampshire – a state-of-the-art facility that manufactures custom wire and cable and employs 396 people; and

**WHEREAS,** The State of New Hampshire recognizes manufacturing as an integral part of the state's economy and will continue to support its efforts to continue to grow and thrive;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARGARET WOOD HASSAN, GOVERNOR of the State of New Hampshire, do hereby proclaim OCTOBER 7-14, 2016, as MANUFACTURING WEEK in New Hampshire and encourage all residents to acknowledge manufacturing's vital role in our economy.

Given this 7<sup>th</sup> day of October, in the year of Our Lord two thousand and sixteen, and the independence of the United States of America, two hundred and forty-one.